

Remarks

This is in response to the office action dated August 6, 2008. A three month petition for an extension of time along with the fee therefor is submitted herewith.

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The disclosure was objected to because of page numbering in regard to the English translation. A substitute specification with clean and marked up versions of the specification is submitted herewith although since this is the national phase of a PCT application it is believed that the English translation of the specification as presented was sufficient.

The Examiner requested drawings. Again the drawings are found in the PCT application as filed and they are sufficient and, it is respectfully urged, that is the purpose of the PCT. The drawings are located in the image file wrapper and must be printed as part of the issued patent and considered by the Primary Examiner.

The Primary Examiner objected to certain claims. Claims 1, 3, 10, 15, 19 and 21 have been amended in response to the objections.

Claims 1-19 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Spitzer (US 6,091,546).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 13 and 14 therein and is believed patentable. The '546 patent to Spitzer does not include an image-processing unit which includes a digitized preamp stage which removes noise and interference in the near-infrared range approximately at wavelengths of 650-1200 nm from said signal coming from said camera (26). Nor does the '546 patent include a digital/analog converter to allow processing as an analog signal at the standard PAL level of 1V peak-to-peak. The invention as claimed provides a real time image without delay which is very accurate. As such, all of the claims are believed patentable. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in regard to claims 1-7, 9-12, 15-19 and 21 which are in the application.

A three month extension of time is submitted herewith along with the fee therefore. However, if there are any additional charges, or any overpayment in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-3060.

The undersigned invites a telephone call from the Primary Examiner if it would expedite the examination/processing of the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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